

Charter Boat Stamps



Charter Stamp Program

- ❖ Small stickers purchased from WDFW by Charters / Guides
- ❖ One day fishing license
- ❖ Affixed to catch record cards
- ❖ Efficient mode of issuing licenses to customers

Program Enhancements

- ❖ Charter Industry supported legislation passed in 2015 authorizing WDFW to implement rules regarding the sale, issuance or reporting of temporary licenses.
- ❖ Charter Industry and WDFW collaborated on rule proposal Spring 2016

Rule Proposal

NEW SECTION

WAC 220-69-23801 Charter stamps—Charter boat and guide operator issuance duties. It is unlawful for a charter boat or guide operator to fail to comply with the charter stamp validation requirements as provided for in this section.

(1) Before any fishing commences, the charter boat or guide operator shall write the validation date across every charter stamp issued to a client in ink. The validation date is the first day on which a client may fish for, harvest or possess fish, shellfish, or seaweed.

(2)(a) Each failure to validate a charter boat stamp is punishable as an infraction under RCW 77.15.160, so long as the charter boat or guide operator has not committed prior infractions under this subsection in the same calendar year involving a cumulative stamp value of more than one hundred fifty dollars.

(b) Each failure to validate a charter boat stamp is punishable as a gross misdemeanor under RCW 77.15.813 when the charter boat or guide operator has previously committed prior infractions under (a) of this subsection in the same calendar year involving a cumulative value of more than one hundred fifty dollars.